

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the objections and rejection set forth in the above-mentioned Official Action in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Title

A new title having improved syntax is provided for the Examiner's consideration and approval.

Drawings

The drawings are objected to under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) for the reasons set forth in the Official Action.

In response, a Submission of Replacement Sheets of the Drawings is being filed concurrently herewith in which reference numeral "100" and a lead line has been added to new Figure 1A, which is otherwise identical to original Figure 1. New Figures 1B and 1C have been presented to show an aspect of the invention recited in Claim 14. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that the objection to the drawings has been overcome.

Specification

The specification has been amended to conform to the replacement sheets of the drawings and/or otherwise place it in better form. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added.

Claims Status

Claim 14 remains pending in the application. Claims 1 through 13 have been canceled. Claim 14 has been amended to include the subject matter of Claim 13. It is

respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added. Claim 14 is the only independent claim pending in the application.

Rejection

Claims 1 through 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,324,328 (Melhorn, et al.).

The rationale underlying the rejection is succinctly set forth in the Official Action.

Response to Rejection

Without conceding the propriety of the rejection and solely to expedite prosecution, Claims 1 through 13 have been canceled. Accordingly, the rejection is moot and further comment thereon is not necessary.

Allowable Subject Matter

It is acknowledged with appreciation that Claim 14 is merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims.

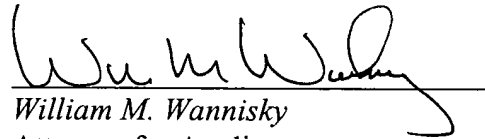
In response, Claim 14 has been so rewritten. It is respectfully submitted that the objection has been overcome.

Closing Comments

It is respectfully submitted that the pending claim is allowable over the art of record and that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and early passage to issue of the present application are earnestly solicited.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our New York office at the address shown below.

Respectfully submitted,

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